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HOUSE RESOLUTION 120
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A RESOLUTION to honor Gene and Billie Brockman Arnold on
the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it appropriate to take note of the significant
milestones in the lives of venerable citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 1949, Gene Arnold and Billie Brockman were joined in holy
matrimony in West Columbia, Texas; since that fateful day, this loving couple has shared the
joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, Gene Arnold was born January 1, 1929 in Johnson City, Tennessee. He
graduated from Science Hill High School in Johnson City, attended Abilene Christian College,
transferred to Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina, and graduated in 1951 with a
degree in Psychology, Religion and Philosophy; and

WHEREAS, Billie Brockman was born December 22, 1929 in Bay City, Texas. She
graduated from Boling High School, Boling, Texas, met Gene at Abilene Christian and
graduated from Catawba College in 1951 with a degree in Business Education; and

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WHEREAS, the young couple embarked upon their life together by moving to Statesville, North Carolina, where Gene preached for a local church. Daughter Jane Arrington Arnold was born on August 10, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Gene and Billie next moved to Gastonia, North Carolina. Son Bradley Graydon Arnold was born on December 3, 1953; and

WHEREAS, the Arnold family then moved to Augusta, Georgia. Daughter Mary Creel Arnold was born on April 29, 1957; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery, Alabama was the next home for the Arnolds, followed by a move to Lausanne, Switzerland where they were involved in five years of church mission work. Daughter Anne Roberta Arnold was born November 17, 1967; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to the United States the Arnold family moved to Bowie, Maryland, and finally, in 1975, they relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they still reside; and

WHEREAS, Gene has been a minister and counselor and now continues his fruitful counseling ministry through work with Chattanooga Encouragement Ministries. Billie continues as a volunteer for a variety of worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Gene and Billie Arnold are the epitome of those who seek to serve their Creator and their fellow human beings, and serve daily as channels of God's grace to those with whom they come in contact; and

WHEREAS, the four children of Gene and Billie Arnold offer continuing love and support to their parents; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this union has endured to serve as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Arnold's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of encouragement and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we congratulate Gene and Billie Brockman Arnold upon completing fifty years of wedded bliss and wish them much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.